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This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action made final mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 17, 2008 in the above-identified application. An extension of time to file a Notice of Appeal from the Final Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time (three months) and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently. In lieu of a Notice of Appeal, a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is being filed concurrently with this Reply. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.